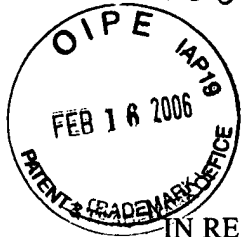


**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA , 22313-1450 on 14 February 2006  
Jeannie Camara

(Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Paper or Fee)

Jeannie Camara  
(Signature of Person Mailing Paper or Fee)



**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**Attorney Docket No. SUN-P6876**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF

Paul A. Lovvik

Serial No. 09/996,126

Filing Date: 27 November 2001

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
DETERMINING CLASS DEPENDENCIES  
OF OBJECTS AND/OR CLASSES

)  
) Examiner: Chow, Chih Ching  
)  
) Group Art Unit: 2192  
)  
)  
)  
)  
)  
)  
)  
)  
)

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Mail Stop: Non-Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced U. S. patent application, transmitted herewith are the following papers:

- ☒ Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to official action mailed **18 November 2005**.
- ☐ A petition for extension of time is also enclosed with a fee of \$55.00 for a one-month extension for a small entity.
- ☐ Terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F. R. § 1.321(c), including
  - ☐ check for \$110.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), and
  - ☐ 2 certificates under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).
- ☐ Information disclosure statement, form 1449 and \_\_\_ references.
- ☒ No additional claims fees are required.

[ ] An additional fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS = 20	0	x \$18 =	
Independent Claims		MINUS = 3	0	x \$78 =	
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$260.00					
Total Amendment Fee					
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>					<b>\$0.00.</b>

- [ ] A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_ is enclosed.  
[ ] Charge \$\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. \_\_\_ (Docket No. \_\_\_).  
[x] Please deduct any underpayments, credit any overpayments, and charge all required extension of time fees to Deposit Account Number 50-1003. (Docket No. SUN-P6876).

Edward J. Grundler  
Park, Vaughan & Fleming LLP  
2820 Fifth Street  
Davis, CA 95616  
Tel: (530) 759-1663  
FAX: (530) 759-1665  
Email: edward@parklegal.com

Respectfully submitted,

By



Edward J. Grundler  
Registration No. 47,615

Date: 14 February 2006



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on 14 February 2006  
Jeannie Camara

(Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Paper or Fee)

Jeannie Camara

(Signature of Person Mailing Paper or Fee)

Application Number : 09/996,126  
Applicant : Paul A. Lovvik et al.  
Filed : 27 November 2001  
TC/A.U. : 2192  
Examiner : Chow, Chih Ching

Confirmation Number: 1464

Docket Number : SUN-P6876  
Customer No. : 22,835

M/S: Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

### AMENDMENT

Sir

In response to the office action of **18 November 2005**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.